

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for preserving original formatting characters in a text file that is edited in a software development environment, the system comprising:

a software development environment editor, the editor comprising software that inputs an original text file having original formatting characters and produces a first modified text file, the first modified text file having both original text and automatic formatting character modifications made by the editor, the editor accepting user changes to the first modified text file to produce a second modified text file having the automatic formatting character modifications and the user edits;

a source code preservation module that receives the original text file, compares the first modified text file with the second modified text file to find a modified block of text and applies the modified block of text to the original text file to generate a final file with the original formatting characters, whereby the source code preservation module preserves the original formatting characters in the final file.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the final file comprises source code.

3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the final file comprises HTML.

4. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a design mode module.

5. (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein the design mode module displays the original text file as rendered by a browser.

6. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, further comprising a source mode module.

7. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 6, wherein the source mode module comprises a source code text editor.

8. (Currently Amended) A method for preserving formatting of an original file comprising:

receiving ~~an unmodified~~ the original file, the ~~unmodified original~~ file associated with a first character formatting, ~~the first character formatting having the formatting of the original file;~~

receiving a first modified file, the first modified file associated with a second character formatting, the first modified file having character formatting modifications made automatically by a software development system editor and the original file text;

receiving a second modified file, the second modified file comprising the first modified file with user text edits;

comparing the ~~unmodified~~ first modified file and the second modified file to determine at least one text modification; and

applying the at least one text modification to the ~~unmodified original~~ file to generate a final file having the first character formatting, wherein the formatting of the original file is preserved in the final file.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the ~~unmodified original~~ file is an HTML file.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the first modified file is an HTML file.

11. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the final file is an HTML file.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the ~~unmodified~~ second modified file comprises the output of a source code text editor.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the first modified file comprises the output of a design mode module.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein comparing the ~~unmodified~~ first modified file and the second modified file to determine at least one text modification comprises:

copying the ~~unmodified~~ original file to a final file;

mapping text blocks from the ~~unmodified~~ first modified file to the second modified file;

in response to determining that a text block in the second modified file has no corresponding text block in the ~~unmodified~~ first modified file, inserting the text block in the final file.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein comparing the ~~unmodified~~ first modified file and the second modified file to determine at least one text modification comprises:

copying the ~~unmodified~~ original file to a final file;

mapping blocks from the ~~unmodified~~ first modified file to the second modified file:

in response to determining a first unique text block and a second unique text block in the second modified file are adjacent and the corresponding first unique text block and corresponding second unique text block in the ~~unmodified~~ first modified file are not adjacent, moving the second unique text block to a position adjacent to the corresponding first unique text block in the final file.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein comparing the ~~unmodified~~ first modified file and the second modified file to determine at least one text modification comprises:

copying the ~~unmodified~~ original file to a final file;

mapping blocks from the ~~unmodified~~ first modified file to the second modified file;

in response to determining that a text block in the ~~unmodified~~ first modified file has no corresponding text block in the second modified file, deleting the text block in the final file.

17. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium comprising computer-executable instructions for preserving character formatting of an original HTML file, the computer-readable instructions directing a computer to perform a method comprising:

receiving ~~an unmodified~~ the original HTML file, the ~~unmodified~~ original HTML file associated with a first character formatting, ~~the first character formatting having the formatting of the original HTML file;~~

receiving a first modified HTML file, the first modified HTML file associated with a second character formatting, the first modified HTML file having character formatting modifications made automatically by a software development editor and the original HTML file text;

receiving a second modified file, the second modified file comprising the first modified file with user text edits;

comparing the ~~unmodified~~ first modified HTML file and the second modified HTML file to determine at least one text modification; and

applying the at least one text modification to the ~~unmodified~~ original HTML file to generate a final HTML file having the first character formatting, wherein the formatting of the original HTML file is preserved in the final file.

18. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, comprising further instructions for:

copying the ~~unmodified~~ original file to a final file;

mapping text blocks from the ~~unmodified~~ first modified file to the second modified file;

in response to determining that a text block in the second modified file has no corresponding text block in the ~~unmodified~~ first modified file, inserting the text block in the final file.

19. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, comprising further instructions for:

copying the ~~unmodified~~ original file to a final file;

mapping blocks from the ~~unmodified~~ first modified file to the second modified file:

in response to determining a first unique text block and a second unique text block in the second modified file are adjacent and the corresponding first unique text block and corresponding second unique text block in the ~~unmodified~~ first modified file are not adjacent, moving the second unique text block to a position adjacent to the corresponding first unique text block in the final file.

20. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, comprising further instructions for:

copying the ~~unmodified~~ original file to a final file;

mapping text blocks from the ~~unmodified~~ first modified file to the second modified file;

in response to determining that a text block in the ~~unmodified~~ first modified file has no corresponding text block in the second modified file, deleting the text block in the final file.